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Re division responsibility on military equipment, Embassy sees no important political problems with Libyans or local British. UK offer during London talks provide light equipment received with thanks and recent discussion between Ministry Defense and CHMAAG indicates ready acceptance on part that Ministry heavy equipment from US. In latter connection, Embassy intends discuss matter at early opportunity with Foreign Minister in effort gain acceptance our offer discuss equipment needs last October.

Assume we now can commit US to give GOL heavy equipment for 5,000-man army. As GOL figure is 5,000 and as UK has promised light equipment for this size force, can Embassy be authorized commit heavy equipment sufficient for 5,000-man army?

Re training, continue believe best method is US mobile teams temporarily assigned Libya simultaneously to instruct BMM and selected Libyan Army personnel in use US equipment as recommended EMBTEL 529 (repeated London 79). This will avoid possible confusion and resentment on part Libyan Army if it had two foreign training missions with difference methods telling it what to do.

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